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Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 8:23 PM
To: Brady-Shanley, Melony
Subject: Richard de Meij's hoped for visit to my class

Hello, Ms. Brady-Shanley.

My name is **Judy Katzman** and I am **Adjunct Faculty in the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut**. My position includes working with Senior level students who are studying to become teachers of a Foreign Language.

I am contacting you to ask that you allow **Richard de Meij** to have a professional day in order to come to my Methods of Teaching a Foreign Language class to present to my students how he integrates technology into his FL classes. Last year, my former students were fascinated by the many ways in which he is able to present creative lessons to his students with the aid of technology and I am hopeful that this semester's group will have the same opportunity to work with such a gifted teacher.

Please know that, years ago, as Dept. Supervisor for FL in the West Hartford Public Schools, I hired Richard to teach in our district. At that time, I was impressed by how knowledgeable he was regarding FL pedagogy and also by his depth of knowledge of so many languages. In West Hartford, he taught French and Spanish in one of our middle schools. I was his direct supervisor until my retirement in at the end of the 2002-2003 school year. In my many visits to his classroom, I was consistently impressed with the creativity he brought to daily instruction and also with how he was able to engage even reluctant learners in regular classroom activities. And, this was all as technology was just beginning to be used in our classrooms!

I am hoping that you believe that having one of your teachers be a guest lecturer in the **Neag School of Education in Storrs** will reflect positively on the quality of instruction that occurs at your high school and, as a result, you will allow Richard to have this professional experience. My pre-service teachers will have the opportunity to learn a great deal about how to integrate technology into the FL classroom before heading off to begin their student teaching experience next semester.

Anticipating a positive response from you, *I gratefully look forward to Richard's visit to my class.* We have selected Thursday, November 6th for this experience. If the date is not acceptable, please let me know and we should be able to make an appropriate change.

If you would like to speak with me directly, my home phone number is (860) 243-0247. Thank you so much for considering this request. I anticipate a positive response from you in the near future.
J.

From: "Brady-Shanley, Melony" <BRADM002@hartfordschools.org>
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Hi Ms. Katzman – We are happy to share Mr. de Meij with UCONN. *He is an amazing teacher and will certainly set the tone for effective teaching practice.* November 6th is approved.

Thanks,
Melony